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To the Honorable the General Assembly of the State of Vermont

Your Committee appoint the 13th day of the instant March, to Confer with a Committee appointed to represent the inhabitants of part of the Counties of Grafton and Chesire in the New Hampshire grants on the East side Connecticut River, relative to forming a Union between the inhabitants of this State and those of the Counties of Grafton & Chesire as are represented by their Committee, ~~and~~ having duly Examined and deliberately considered the several proposals and Preliminaries exhibited as a foundation whereon to ground such union, beg leave to report their opinion in the following manner viz.

1st That should the Constitution already made and established by the Representatives of the freemen of this State, be Subjected to such alteration, as proposed by the Committee with whom your Committee were appointed to Confer, either by Adition thereto, or should it be abridged, or in any part ~~altered~~ Constructed contrary to the Strict meaning thereof without the Consent of the People at Large, or untill it can be legally done by the Provision for that purpose therein made, that should ever a proposal of that nature be recommended to the inhabitants of this State (at this time) it would prove the means of so effectually Disolving the present happy Union, that a reuniting them again would be attended with Dis-advantages both to the Constituents of your Committee and to the Constituents of the Gentlemen Committee, with whom your Committee were appointed to Confer

2. That this State have so long Subsisted in a State of Anarchy and Confusion, that your Committee do not Hesitate to report as their opinion, that no Step

ought to be taken, or measures Conceded to (at this time) to form Such Union, as it may have a tendency to create animosity and alienate the minds of the good people of this State,

Nevertheless your Committee would not be understoo to exclude the Committee with whom they are treating, from applying to the General Assembly of this State, for such union, at such futur Time as may render it practicable to effect the Same without causing confusion, in this or other the United States of America.

Windsor March 16th. 1778

By order of Committee

Jonas Fay Chairman

Report of the
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